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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) Fire sends 1 man to hospital, displaces residents of downtown Grand Forks apartment building. A fire at the Ryan House apartment building in Grand Forks February 9 prompted a several hour evacuation of 50 residents and left 14 residents displaced. Two individuals were treated for injuries sustained during the fire that remains under investigation.

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/local/3675077-update-fire-sends-1-man-hospital-displaces-residents-downtown-grand-forks>

(North Dakota) Nearly Five Thousand People in North Dakota Have Had the Flu. Nearly five thousand people in North Dakota have contracted the flu this season and the number of flu deaths in the state is now up to 46. This is according to the latest Department of Health flu surveillance information released today.

<http://www.kxnet.com/story/28099061/nearly-five-thousand-people-in-north-dakota-report-having-the-flu>

(North Dakota) BNSF to invest \$326M in North Dakota. BNSF Railway Company will invest \$326 million in rail capacity improvement projects in North Dakota — part of the company's largest planned capital expenditure in its history. In recent years, the railroad has had an increase in demand across all sectors, from agriculture to oil to building supplies and more.

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/bnsf-to-invest-m-in-north-dakota/article_88c0555d-0ba3-515e-b1fc-3a694e809de8.html

REGIONAL

(South Dakota) Shooter believed to be among two dead in Lennox shooting. One worker was killed and two others were injured February 12 when a gunman opened fire at a Sioux Steel plant in Lennox, prompting the factory, nearby businesses, and area schools to go on lockdown. Police believe the alleged gunman was found in a secondary situation near Lennox where police found the body of an individual and a handgun inside the cab of a badly-burned semi-truck.

<http://www.ksfy.com/home/headlines/Lennox-schools-on-lockdown-after-possible-shooting-291727711.html>

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(Montana) PPL to close coal-fired power plant in Montana. PPL Montana announced February 10 that it will permanently retire its J.E. Corette Power Plant in Billings in August after re-evaluating a 2012 decision to potentially restart the plant if power market conditions improved.

http://lancasteronline.com/business/local_business/ppl-to-close-coal-fired-power-plant-in-montana/article_32cd07a0-b143-11e4-8c3e-1f01b1ae7f19.html

(International) Congress OKs Keystone pipeline bill. The U.S. Congress approved legislation February 11 to expedite the Keystone XL pipeline, an \$8 billion project that would transport oil from the tar sands of Alberta, Canada, through Nebraska and into the Gulf Coast. <http://www.pressherald.com/2015/02/12/congress-oks-keystone-pipeline-bill/>

NATIONAL

(West Virginia) West Virginia oil train derailment: Fires for hours, smoke. Fires burned for hours Tuesday after a train carrying 109 tankers of crude oil derailed in a snowstorm alongside a West Virginia creek, sending fireballs into the sky and threatening the nearby water supply. <http://news.yahoo.com/west-virginia-train-derailment-sends-oil-tanker-river-204306095.html>

(National) In the wake of TurboTax fraud, email scams emerge. Intuit reported an increase in phishing scam attempts to harvest personal and financial information from TurboTax users using a variety of themes including notifications of bogus security checks, fake tax return status updates, or notices of locked accounts. Users are led to click on an URL that links to a fake log-in page used by hackers to steal names, addresses, and Social Security numbers. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/In-the-Wake-of-TurboTax-Fraud-Email-Scams-Emerge-473099.shtml>

(National) Massive breach at health care company Anthem Inc. Anthem Inc., announced that it discovered a breach the week of January 26 which could potentially impact as many as 80 million customers across 14 States, after the company learned it was the target of a sophisticated external cyber-attack when hackers gained access to the company's computer systems and accessed patients' personal information, including Social Security numbers. Anthem is working to determine how many current and former customers were affected and assured

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the public that no credit card information was obtained.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/02/04/health-care-anthem-hacked/22900925/>

(National) Federal agency pushes tough oil train standards. The U.S. Transportation Department has recommended crude oil trains be reinforced and have advanced braking systems installed to prevent accidents from becoming fiery disasters, according to sources familiar with the plan.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/energy/oil/3678043-federal-agency-pushes-tough-oil-train-standards>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) 16 million mobile devices infected by malware. Alcatel-Lucent's Motive Security Labs released a report and found that approximately 16 million mobile devices worldwide were infected by malware, with a 25 percent increase in infections in mobile devices in 2014. Researchers also found that command and control (C&C) protocols were more sophisticated and mobile spyware increased, among other findings. http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2963

(International) Cyber Caliphate hackers take over Twitter account of Newsweek. The FBI is investigating a February 10 hijack of Newsweek's Twitter feed in which attackers claiming to be Islamic State (ISIS)-affiliated hacker group Cyber Caliphate posted threats to the U.S. President's family before the company regained control of the feed within 14 minutes. Newsweek confirmed that the Twitter accounts of International Business Times and Latin Times were also hijacked by the group. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cyber-Caliphate-Hackers-Takes-Over-Twitter-Account-of-Newsweek-472832.shtml>

(International) Researcher publishes 10 million usernames and passwords. A researcher released 10 million username/password combinations that he collected over the years in an attempt to advance research and make authentication more secure. The researcher asserted that most combinations were dated and had been scrubbed of all identifying and compromising information. <http://www.securityweek.com/researcher-publishes-10-million-usernames-and-passwords>

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) **Feds seize over \$7 million (plus a little Bitcoin) during software piracy investigation.** Federal agents seized \$25,000 in cryptocurrency from a Seattle resident and more than \$7 million and other assets from related suspects in December 2014 as part of an ongoing software piracy case. The January 30 court filing alleges that suspects traded and distributed fraudulent product activation key codes for Microsoft and other software through e-commerce sites to make at least \$30 million in profits since 2009.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/katevinton/2015/02/10/feds-seize-25000-in-cryptocurrency-and-7-1-million-as-part-of-software-piracy-investigation/>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(California) **Riverside: Warehouse workers stole thousands of dollars in goods, police say.** Police arrested and charged 3 former employees of a Ralph's distribution center in Riverside February 12 for allegedly stealing more than \$1 million in razors, toothbrushes, and other merchandise. Police and loss prevention staff launched an investigation into the thefts in June 2014 and used a hidden camera find the suspected thieves.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/thousands-760171-police-three.html>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) **Samsung clarifies privacy policy: What your Smart TV can really hear.** Samsung announced that users can manually disable a voice recognition function on its voice-recognizing smart televisions that could potentially collect interactive voice commands and send them to the third-party service, Nuance Communications. A previous policy warned consumers to be aware of spoken

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words that could be included among data captured by the television's microphone and transmitted to a third party.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/samsung-clarifies-privacy-policy-smart-tv-hear/story?id=28861189>

(National) Land Rover and Jaguar will recall 104,000 vehicles over brake and light problems. Jaguar Land Rover North America issued a recall for 104,000 vehicles, with up to 74,648 model years 2013-2014 Range Rovers and Range Rover Sports included, after the company learned the brake vacuum hose may have been routed improperly, potentially allowing the wear to create a hole and a loss of braking power. Approximately 4,787 model years 2012 through 2015 Jaguar XK cars were also recalled due to the side parking lights shutting off after about 5 minutes.

<http://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2015/02/07/land-rover-jaguar-will-recall-104-000-vehicles>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Former San Francisco police officer accused of corporate espionage. A former San Francisco police officer and three others were arrested and charged in connection to hiring hackers to break into the computer system of Ocean Avenue, a rival internet marketing company, in order to access the company's email and Skype accounts beginning in 2013. A fifth suspect in India was also charged in the case. <http://abc7news.com/news/former-sfpd-officer-accused-of-corporate-espionage/514023/>

(Washington) Clallam County working to avoid measles outbreak in jail. The Clallam County Department of Health is offering to vaccinate every inmate in the county jail after the county confirmed Washington's fourth case of measles the week of February 2 when an infected man was hospitalized. An initial screening determined that 63 percent of the jail population was at risk of contracting the virus. <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Clallam-County-working-to-avoid-measles-outbreak-in-jail-291594001.html>

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ENERGY

(Michigan) DEQ tightens rules on residential oil-gas drilling. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Supervisor of Wells announced February 10 that oil and gas drilling in highly populated residential areas in the State will require additional protections for neighbors, including providing notice to local governments before projects commence, groundwater monitoring, containing drill cuttings and fluids in tanks, among other regulations.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/02/11/deq-issues-new-instructions-oil-gas-drilling-residential-areas/23263521/>

(California) California OKs oil field dumping into drinking water. The federal government ordered California officials to begin searching for and dealing with any contamination and to end oil-industry operations in all aquifers set aside for families and farms after State records showed that oil companies are authorized to inject production fluids and waste into federally protected aquifers. Records showed that production fluids were injected more than 2,500 times, creating a risk for contamination of underground water supplies that could be used for drinking water or irrigation.

<http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/2015/02/06/california-oil-field-dumping/22998483/>

(Oklahoma; Texas; Kansas) OSBI: Edmond man stole \$2.5M in oil field equipment. Authorities arrested a man from Edmond February 6 in connection to his involvement in stealing more than \$2.5 million in oil field equipment from Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas following an investigation that began in 2013. Officials are continuing to search for others involved in the crimes.

<http://www.koco.com/crime/osbi-edmond-man-stole-25m-in-oil-field-equipment/31136818>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Michigan) 50,000 turkeys die at Michigan farm; feed cited. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are investigating the August 2014 death of about 50,000 turkeys at 5 farms owned by Sietsema Farms of Allendale and are working to determine how oil intended for industrial use was

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shipped to the farms as a feed additive. Officials reported at a January meeting of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development that steps were taken to prevent health risks to customers, while the company reported a loss of about \$1 million.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/02/10/turkey-deaths-michigan-feed/23162733/>

(National) Pepperidge Farm recalls 46000 bagel packages. Pepperidge Farm issued a recall for about 46,000 packages of bagels sent to stores in 23 States due to undeclared peanuts or almonds.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/02/07/pepperidge-farm-recalls-46000-bagel-packages/>

(National) Bimbo Bakeries USA issues allergy alert and voluntary regional recall of Thomas', Sara Lee and Jewel Bagels sold in select Midwest states. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 5 that Bimbo Bakeries USA voluntarily recalled Thomas', Sara Lee, and Jewel Bagels due to undeclared peanuts and almonds. The recalled products were distributed to retailers in the Midwest region of the U.S. <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm433407.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Washington, D.C.; Maryland) Army vet threatens U.S. Capitol shooting spree. Police arrested a Maryland man February 2 at his home after he threatened a violent shooting rampage at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., with plans to target his wife who is a U.S. Senate staffer that works in the building. The retired U.S. Army veteran sent threatening text messages to his wife and made threatening comments over the phone while authorities were present.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/02/05/army-vet-threatens-capitol-shooting-spre/22929333/>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) RIG exploit kit source code leaked online. Trustwave researchers analyzed an alleged leak of a source code for an RIG exploit kit and determined that the code is legitimate after the individual published the code after

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attempting to sell it online. The leaker also purported that the exploit kit included exploits for two Internet Explorer, two Adobe Flash Player, one Microsoft Silverlight, and two Java vulnerabilities. <http://www.securityweek.com/rig-exploit-kit-source-code-leaked-online>

(International) **Google Play, browser flaws expose Android devices to remote code execution.** Researchers at Rapid7 reported that vulnerabilities in Google Play due to a lack of appropriate X-Frame-Options (XFO) headers combined with a universal cross-site scripting (UXSS) vulnerability in browsers shipped with Android versions prior to 4.4 (KitKat), or a cross-site scripting (XSS) bug in Google Play, could be leveraged by attackers to remotely install arbitrary Android application packages (APKs) on smartphones. Attacks can be prevented by logging out of the Google account prior to using the affected browsers, or by using Mozilla FireFox or Chrome instead. <http://www.securityweek.com/google-play-browser-flaws-expose-android-devices-remote-code-execution>

(International) **Simplocker ransomware for Android returns with new version.** Avast researchers reported that over 5,000 unique users were infected by a newly discovered Simplocker ransomware variant for Android that poses as an Adobe Flash Player update, employs unique encryption keys to make unlocking difficult, and displays a fake notification from the FBI about suspicious files and copyright infringement to fool victims into paying the \$200 ransom. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Simplocker-Ransomware-for-Android-Returns-with-New-Version-472890.shtml>

(National) **Defense contract management agency probes hack.** A U.S. Defense Contract Management Agency official confirmed that the agency's web site was taken offline after suspicious activity was detected on the server January 28, resulting in an ongoing investigation. Authorities reported that no data or personal identification information was breached. <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/02/defense-contract-management-agency-probes-hack/>

(International) **About 40,000 MongoDB databases found open online.** Three Saarland University cyber-security students reported security vulnerabilities in MongoDB's database configuration, including servers with no access control mechanisms that could potentially allow access outside the backend and expose

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the information of millions of customer to unauthorized parties. An initial scan found nearly 40,000 databases that were open, prompting the researchers to submit their findings to MongoDB maintainers for integration into revised security instructions for users. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/About-40-000-MongoDB-Databases-Found-Open-Online-472747.shtml>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Tennessee) Federal officials now involved after data breach in Johnson City.

Johnson City-based State of Franklin Healthcare Associates' officials announced February 12 a potential breach of their payroll information that occurred around February 3 where hackers took the stolen information and attempted to file tax refunds under the victims' names. The company is continuing to investigate the breach and has removed any hardware and cleaned all software attached to the payroll processing system. <http://www.wcyb.com/news/federal-officials-now-involved-after-data-breach-in-johnson-city/31244024>

(California) State fines Loma Linda University Medical Center \$50,000 after resident's mistake. The California Department of Public Health announced February 11 that a \$50,000 fine was issued to the Loma Linda University Medical Center after an intern placed a feeding tube in a patient's lung instead of the stomach in 2010, causing the patient's death. Public health officials fined two other Riverside County hospitals and a hospital in Los Angeles County after investigating and finding that the facilities' were not in compliance with licensing requirements. <http://www.sbsun.com/health/20150211/state-fines-loma-linda-university-medical-center-50000-after-residents-mistake>

(International) California confirms 107 cases of measles, 39 from Disneyland outbreak. California health officials reported that 107 cases of measles were confirmed in the State February 9 and 39 of them linked to a December 2014 outbreak that began in Disneyland. More than 3 dozen additional cases of the disease have been reported in 19 other States and in Mexico. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/california-confirms-107-cases-of-measles-39-from-disneyland-outbreak/ar-AA9bOHN>

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TRANSPORTATION

(Nebraska) Train carrying coal derails in western Nebraska. A Union Pacific official reported that 29 railcars of a train carrying coal from Wyoming to Arkansas derailed near McGrew, Nebraska, February 11 causing coal to spill. Crews worked to clean the scene while the cause of the derailment is still under investigation. http://www.yankton.net/news/state_ap_ne/article_c0e710fc-2148-5cda-9b75-a071e4220fcb.html

(Iowa) Iowa rail line reopens following train derailment, ethanol leak. Canadian Pacific Railway reported that a rail line near Dubuque reopened February 7 after crews cleared the scene of a freight train derailment that caused 15 railcars to derail, including 3 that fell into the Mississippi River February 4. Officials set up 40 sites to test the river and surrounding areas for ethanol contamination and the company announced that it devised a restoration and remediation plan to minimize the environmental impact of the spill. <http://news.yahoo.com/iowa-rail-line-reopens-following-train-derailment-ethanol-210256487--finance.html>

WATER AND DAMS

(South Dakota) Sioux Falls rescinds water boil order. The City of Sioux Falls Public Works Department rescinded February 12 its precautionary boil order that was issued following a February 11 water main break. Water samples that were taken in the main break area tested negative for bacteria. <http://www.kdlt.com/news/local-news/Update-Sioux-Falls-Rescinds-Water-Boil-Order/31234018>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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